

or of dependent children or of illegitimate children or for alimony shall not constitute a debt within the meaning of this section", this is what we are really aiming at.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let the Chair make a suggestion. Delegate Dulany's amendment would substitute for the long string of persons, beginning in line 43, one person, "dependent".

What you are trying to modify here by the clause at the end of the section is the word "obligation". It seems to me you can do it in two ways. You can say "no person shall be imprisoned for debt, but the obligation for support of a wife, etc., created by valid decree or by an agreement", would do it.

If Delegate Dulany's amendment is accepted, then it would also do it very simply.

Did you follow that, Delegate Carson?

DELEGATE CARSON: I did, Mr. Chairman, and your suggestion seems to me would.

THE PRESIDENT: Let me suggest that we pass over, for the moment, Amendment No. 8 and submit to you Delegate Dulany's amendment, and then on the basis of the action there we can tell what to do with Amendment No. 8.

Pages please distribute Amendment Z—Z for zebra.

For what purpose does Delegate Key rise?

DELEGATE KEY: Just to ask a question.

THE PRESIDENT: State the question.

DELEGATE KEY: Is there some difference in the law as to the dependency of a child whether he is born in wedlock or out of wedlock? In other words, is it necessary to spell out a dependent child and then restate—

THE PRESIDENT: This is the purpose of Delegate Dulany's amendment. If you will wait just a moment you will see just what it is.

This will be Amendment No. 9. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 9 to Committee Recommendations No. R&P-1 and R&P-2, as amended by Report S&D-9, by Delegate Dulany: On page 3, section 1.12, Imprisonment for Debt, in line 41 after the word "obligation" add the words:

"for the support of a dependent or for alimony"; and in line 42 after the word "or" add the words "created by"; and strike out all of lines 43, 44, and 45 and insert in lieu thereof the words: "decree of a court shall".

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dulany desires to modify the amendment by striking out everything in line 5 after the colon and striking out all of lines 6 and 7 and substituting the word "dependent" so that the amendment would then insert in lieu thereof, that is in lieu of the language stricken, the following one word: "dependent".

Is there any objection to that modification? The Chair hears none. The modification will be made.

In Amendment No. 9, line 5, strike out the words "spouse, or of a de-", strike out all of lines 6 and 7, and insert the word "dependent".

The amendment is submitted by Delegate Dulany. Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Dulany.

DELEGATE DULANY: Before speaking on the amendment, it has been suggested to me if we put the amendment after the word "obligation" and say "for the support of a dependent", "obligation for support of a dependent", and then have it—

THE PRESIDENT: I am sorry, I did not hear.

DELEGATE DULANY: Perhaps this is too confusing to state, but it has been suggested to me on line 41 after the word "obligation" if we put up in that position "for the support of a dependent" we will then have cleared up the ambiguity that most of the amendments have been offered in an endeavor to correct.

THE PRESIDENT: I think that is true. Would you like to so modify your amendment?

DELEGATE DULANY: If I may.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection to modifying the amendment in the manner indicated?

Delegate Weidemeyer.